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## FIERCE RELIGIOUS RIOTS IN PARIS CHURCHES.



Violent scenes have been witnessed in Paris when the authorities attempted to enter churches to take inventories under the new law separating Church from State. (1) Mounted Republican Guards outside the Church of St. Clotilde, a fashionable place of worship, where a strenuous resistance was made, and which was cleared with fire-

hoses. (2) Crowd outside the Church of Notre-Dame des Champs, where rioting took place. (3) An arrest outside the Church of St. Clotilde. (4) Crowd outside the Church of St. Clotilde. Over 100 persons have been injured and over 150 persons have been arrested—among others, the Comte de la Rochefoucault.



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## RELIGIOUS "WAR" IN PARIS.

Police Storm Another Church After a Fierce Battle.

## HUNDREDS ARRESTED

Ladies Stand Knee-Deep in Water—Firemen Help Besiegers.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

PARIS, Friday.—Scenes far surpassing in violence those of yesterday took place this afternoon at the Church of St. Pierre du Gros-Caillois, a fashionable place of worship on the south side of the river.

They had been anticipated. Long before two o'clock, the hour fixed for the taking of the inventory, the shutters were up in the shops in the street outside; huge and turbulent crowds, raising cheers and counter-cheers and shouting party cries, thronged the surrounding streets; on the steps of the church were massed several hundred young men, armed with bludgeons; and in the church were between two and three thousand persons, containing numbers of notable representatives of the Clerical party, including General Rebillot, M. Reille (a prominent southern deputy), and M. Drumont, of the "Libre Parole," the leader of the Anti-Semites.

### RAIN OF MISSILES.

Just before two a large force of police, with two squadrons of dragoons, appeared, and, amid a storm of howls and hisses, answered by the singing of the "Internationale" song by the Socialists and other anti-Clericals in the crowd, cleared the space in front of the church.

Defiant yells announced the arrival of M. Lepine, the Prefect of the Police, and the official who was to take the inventory.

Sticks and other missiles rained on M. Lepine. His warnings were unheard in the tumult, and when, with the roll of drums, he gave the signal for attack, the young men, fearing they were to be fired on, fled panic-stricken into the church, hastily locking the doors.

Then firemen, under a hail of stones, bricks, and other missiles, rushed forward, and with hatchets hewed a breach in the great door in five minutes. Behind it they found a barricade of chairs and confessional-boxes. This was thrown over, but the police were unable to enter the church owing to the dense mass of the defenders, who struck out furiously with sticks, heavy brass candlesticks, and any weapon they could lay hands on, while the police laid about them with the flat edge of their swords.

### POLICE IN FRENZY.

At half-past three o'clock the scene almost beggared description. Free fights were going on inside the door of the church, while the crowd outside were desperately resisting the cavalry; and the police, in a frenzy of excitement, were arresting almost anybody they could lay hands on.

A quarter of an hour later the firemen turned their hoses on the church, whence arose the loud screams of the drenched women and the fierce imprecations of the men.

Finding that this did not prove effective, the firemen, in the midst of the indescribable uproar, placed their escape-ladders against the walls of the church, broke the windows, and poured great streams of water on the mass below.

### LAST DESPERATE STAND.

But the defence did not weaken. Ladders were hastily placed up to the windows in the inside of the church, and young men sprang up them and grappled with and struck the firemen. In the body of the church the people, who included many ladies in elegant dresses, were standing knee-deep in water. Several revolver shots sounded, and the tolling of the "tocsin" added to the clamour.

At last, at about four o'clock, it was found impossible to hold out any longer, the police forcing their way in at every door. The conflict raged as furiously as ever, and a score of policemen were carried out badly wounded.

Gradually the police obtained the upper hand. Resisting to the last, the defenders were dragged out in twos and threes, and by five o'clock the police were masters of the church, and several hundreds of their opponents were under arrest.

Among those retained by the police for participation in the rioting on Thursday are the Comte de la Rochefoucauld and his son and Count George de Bourbon.

### POPE DEPRECATES VIOLENCE.

ROME, Friday.—The Pope has telegraphed to the French Bishops advising Catholics to submit to inventories being made in the churches, deploring the violent scenes of the past two days, and exhorting the faithful to put their trust in God.—Laffan.

## CHINA AND THE "FOREIGN DEVILS."

British Official Receives One Thousand Strokes with a Bamboo.

## ORIENTAL "LENIENCY."

PEKIN, Friday.—All foreigners in Peking and Tientsin are deeply interested in an affair at Tientsin, in which Yuan-shi-kai, Viceroy of Chihli, the British Municipality, and Mr. Hopkins, the Consul-General, were concerned, and which resulted in the British officials handing over a policeman to the Viceroy for punishment, rather than raise a question similar to that which recently caused so much excitement at Shanghai.

When Yuan-shi-kai was passing through the British settlement on the birthday of the German Emperor to call on the German officials a Chinese policeman struck one of the outriders lightly with his baton, in order to enforce the rule of the road. A scuffle ensued, and the Viceroy afterwards demanded the surrender of the policeman for punishment.

### SENTENCE FREQUENTLY FATAL.

A meeting between members of the Municipality, the British Consul-General, and representatives of Yuan-shi-kai was held, at which a full apology was drafted, while the policeman was dismissed and handed over to the Chinese officials, who promised to deal leniently with him.

The Viceroy's magistrate, nevertheless, sentenced the man to 1,000 blows with a bamboo—a sentence which frequently proves fatal—and, in addition, to three years' imprisonment with hard labour.

Opinion among foreigners is divided. Some think that the British officials should have refused to surrender one of their employees, who honestly, but tactlessly, obeyed the recent strict orders to keep all traffic on the left side of the road, while others are of opinion that it was better to sacrifice the policeman than to risk a serious collision with the Chinese authorities.

The episode would have been without importance were it not that it illustrates the existing tension between Chinese and foreigners.—Reuter.

## PANIC-STRICKEN CHILDREN.

Cry of "Fire!" Leads to the Injury of Fifty Little Worshipers.

VIENNA, Friday.—A panic, in which one child was killed and fifty others injured, occurred in a church in the Lerchenfeld suburb this afternoon during a special service for children on the occasion of the Feast of the Purification.

The church was crowded, and at the moment when the priest was giving the Benediction after the sermon a girl fell down in an epileptic fit. In the confusion which ensued a man raised a cry of "Fire!"

The congregation, numbering 500 persons, made a rush for the main door, which was closed, and then crowded to the side doors, from which a flight of steps led to the street.

The children, pressed from behind, fell down the steps, and were trampled upon by those who followed.—Reuter.

## ITALY FOURTEEN HOURS NEARER.

"Simplon Express" Will Make Milan Only a Day's Journey from London.

Fourteen hours will be saved to passengers from London to Italy by a new train de luxe, to be called the "Simplon Express," which the International Sleeping Car Company announces in connection with the opening of the Simplon Tunnel.

The new service will commence next May, and will be composed of restaurant and sleeping-cars of the newest type.

The train will leave Calais every Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday at 2.55 p.m., in connection with the 11 a.m. train from Victoria. It will arrive at Lausanne at six the next morning and at Milan at thirty-five minutes past midday, a journey of twenty-five and a half hours, instead of thirty-nine and a half hours as at present.

### GERMAN SOLDIERS OF FORTUNE.

COLOGNE, Friday.—Nothing is known in Berlin, according to the "Kölnische Zeitung," regarding the alleged presence of German artillerymen in Venezuela, ready to fight against France in case of war. It is pointed out that if Germans take service in Venezuela they do so on their own responsibility.—Reuter.

A message from St. Petersburg states that the peasants in the Kostrom district are pillaging the imperial estates. The officials have fled, leaving the property to the mercy of the rioters.

## SIR E. GREY'S GRIEF.

Wife of Foreign Minister Still Unconscious Last Night and Critically Ill.

Lady Grey, wife of Sir Edward Grey, the Foreign Minister, who was thrown out of her trap whilst driving in Elingham, was still unconscious and critically ill, in the village school, at a late hour last night.

Dr. Morrison, of Newcastle, a medical specialist, and her family attendant, Dr. Waterson, were in close attendance throughout the day.

The Foreign Minister, who was in London, immediately left for the north on receiving news of the accident and chartered a special train from Newcastle.

The right hon. baronet reached Elingham in the early hours of yesterday morning.

Sir Edward's meeting at Manchester arranged for last night has been postponed sine die.

The accident appears to have been caused by the horse bolting. Lady Grey, who was accompanied by a youth named Henderson, son of her gardener, being thrown from her trap and picked up bleeding at the nose, ears, and mouth.

Her ladyship's injuries are described as serious, but not hopeless. She is suffering from concussion of the brain. There was a slight improvement in her condition yesterday morning.

## KING ALFONSO'S FAREWELL.

Spends His Last Day at Biarritz in Motoring with Princess Ena.

BIARRITZ, Friday.—King Alfonso arrived here from San Sebastian this morning. At a quarter past eleven the King, accompanied by the Princesses, took a walk through the principal thoroughfares of the town.

After luncheon his Majesty and Princess Ena attended by Miss Cochrane, left in an open motor-car for an excursion across the frontier. After the excursion his Majesty remained for some time at the Villa Mourisot with the Princesses.

King Alfonso will leave France this evening, and will arrive in Madrid to-morrow afternoon.—Reuter.

## MRS. YERKES ADMITS REMARRIAGE.

Her Athletic Second Husband Described as a "Modern Dick Turpin."

NEW YORK, Friday.—Mrs. Yerkes now admits that the marriage with Mr. Mizner did take place. Mr. Mizner this morning left his hotel and drove to the Yerkes's mansion in Fifth-avenue, where he was admitted.

The marriage certificate has been sent to the authorities by the minister, and has been published. Mrs. Yerkes's denial is considered to have been nothing but a woman's whim.

Mr. Mizner's life and adventures occupy many columns of the papers. He is variously described as a modern "Lochinvar" or "Dick Turpin." He is six feet three, and has captivating manners. His escapades are known from New Orleans to Alaska.—Laffan.

## OPENING FOR MILLIONAIRES.

Mr. Choate Hopes Rich Americans Will Complete Mr. Rhodes's Scheme of Imperialism.

OTTAWA, Friday.—Mr. J. Choate, late United States Ambassador to Great Britain, was the principal speaker last night at a banquet given by the Canadian Club, at which Earl Grey was present.

Mr. Choate attributed the growth of good feeling between the two countries to the influence of two illustrious Sovereigns and the two successive Presidents, whose commissions he had held.

He paid a glowing tribute to the ideas of Mr. Rhodes, and said he hoped to see Mr. Rhodes's experiment completed by some American millionaire, enabling young Englishmen to attend the American universities.—Reuter.

## MIDNIGHT TELEGRAMS.

Sir William Thomas Makins, deputy-chairman of the Great Eastern Railway Company, died at Henley yesterday.

One-half of the cotton press at Alexandria, belonging to the Pressage Company, has been destroyed by fire, about £60,000 damage being done.

With the approval of the Home Office, a prisoner was given eighteen strokes with the "cat" yesterday at Winslow Green Gaol, Birmingham, for attacking two warders with a sharp-pointed steel instrument.

## TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

Our special weather forecast for to-day is:—Strong westerly winds, a gale on the coasts; changeable and showery; short sunny periods; colder. Lighting-up time, 5.50 p.m. Sea passages will become rough generally.

## MR. BALFOUR OR MR. CHAMBERLAIN?

'Daily Mirror' Invites Its Readers to Select an Opposition Leader.

## A UNIQUE ELECTION.

Who shall lead the Opposition in the new House of Commons?

So much controversy has arisen in the Unionist Press and elsewhere as to the desirability of a change in the leadership of the party that the 'Daily Mirror' has decided to take a plebiscite of its readers on the question.

To-day, and for the next few days, therefore, we invite our countless subscribers to make their own selection.

Every reader of the 'Daily Mirror,' of whatever age or sex, may vote, the general principle governing the election being one reader one vote, and every reader a vote.

A X for two or more candidates would, of course, invalidate the voting paper.

In the ballot paper printed below all our readers are required to do is to append a X against the candidate of their choice, in the same way as votes are recorded at parliamentary or municipal elections.

A third line is left for the reader to fill in a third candidate should he or she disapprove of either Mr. Balfour or Mr. Chamberlain.

Each ballot paper, having been carefully filled in, should be cut out, enclosed in an envelope marked "Leadership," and addressed to the Editor of the 'Daily Mirror.'

If the envelope is not sealed down a halfpenny stamp will be sufficient.

Ballot papers should be posted to the 'Daily Mirror' Offices, 12, Whitefriars-street, Fleet-street, E.C., on the day on which they appear in the paper.

## BALLOT FOR LEADERSHIP OF THE OPPOSITION.

I VOTE FOR

1—Mr. A. J. BALFOUR

2.—Mr. CHAMBERLAIN

3.—

Put a X opposite name of your choice.

Reader's Name .....

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## MR. BALFOUR AND THE CITY SEAT.

Ex-Premier Seriously Threatened with a Contest at the Forthcoming By-Election.

Will Mr. Balfour's candidature for the City be contested?

A private meeting, lasting over an hour, was held yesterday of the City of London United Liberal Association, and then adjourned till Monday, no definite decision being arrived at.

It is understood that the names of several desirable candidates were informally mentioned, amongst them Mr. Gibson Bowles, the defeated Unionist free-trader at King's Lynn.

Whether Mr. Bowles will stand is not yet definitely known, but it is believed his decision was communicated to the Liberal Association before the meeting.

Among Liberal City men there is a strong feeling in favour of Mr. Bowles's candidature. He is recognised as an able financier and economist, as shown by his speeches in the House of Commons in Budget debates and on the Estimates.

## MUNIFICENT GIFT TO SALVATION ARMY.

Mr. George Herring has given £5,250 towards the total of £15,250 for a new Salvation Army shelter. A large building in Middlesex-street, E., formerly a boot factory, has been taken for the purpose, and will be opened by General Booth next Tuesday.

## WIDE BREACH IN THE ALIENS ACT.

How the Aliens Act is being systematically evaded was shown yesterday by the medical officer of the Tyne port sanitary authority, who pointed out that since vessels carrying less than twelve immigrants are exempt foreign agents are bringing aliens across in small boats.



## THE QUEEN LEAVES FOR DENMARK.

Sad Journey To Attend King Christian's Funeral.

### THE KING'S FAREWELL.

Queen Alexandra left London yesterday on her sad journey to Denmark to attend the funeral of her father, the late King Christian.

Dressed in deep mourning, her Majesty, accompanied by the King and Princess Victoria, arrived at Victoria Station shortly before 9.30 a.m. A crowd of spectators, whose respectful silence told more eloquently than words could how keen was their sympathy, watched the incidents of her Majesty's departure.

The Queen was wearing a small black toque and a long fur-lined cloak, while Princess Victoria was in a black costume, with astrachan collar and black toque. The King, wearing a black overcoat, had a deep band round his hat.

#### DAN-SH MINISTER PRESENT.

On the way from the waiting-room to the royal saloon, which was placed in the centre of the train, her Majesty stopped to shake hands with M. de Bille, the Danish Minister, and Mme Bille, and spoke to them for a few moments.

As the train steamed out of the station, the King stood bare-headed, while the Queen waved her hand from the window. Travelling in attendance on her Majesty were Lord and Lady Gosford, the Hon. Charlotte Knudsen, Colonel Brockhurst, and Colonel Henry Knollys, Comptroller of the Household at the Norwegian Court.

Dover was reached soon after eleven o'clock, and her Majesty at once embarked for Calais on the South-Eastern and Chatham and Dover Railway Company's turbine steamer *Onward*. The sun was shining brightly at the time, and the cross-Channel passage was a smooth one. Her Majesty remained on deck while her luggage was taken aboard.

#### RETURN IN THREE WEEKS.

Journeying via Cologne and Hamburg, the Queen will reach Copenhagen this evening.

Her Majesty will return from Copenhagen to England very soon after the funeral ceremony, probably arriving about this day three weeks.

It is understood that the King's Lord Chamberlain will officially represent his Majesty at the funeral.

Princess Victoria has arranged to go back to-day to Sandringham, where she will resume charge of the children of the Prince and Princess of Wales, and will await the return of her mother from Denmark.

### LYING IN STATE.

COPENHAGEN, Friday.—According to the semi-official "Dannebrog," the funeral of King Christian will probably take place on the 14th or 15th inst. The remains will, it is expected, lie in state in the Castle Chapel for a few days previously.

In other quarters it is stated that the funeral will be between the 18th and 20th inst., probably on the latter date, as it is thought that Roskilde Cathedral, the burial-place of Danish Sovereigns, cannot be got ready for the ceremony before that date.

A memorial service for the late King Christian will be held at nine o'clock this evening in the presence of all the members of the Royal Family.

Queen Alexandra is expected to arrive here by special train at ten minutes to eight to-morrow evening.—Reuter.

### MODERN "MR. STIGGINS."

Pioneer of Scientific Temperance Succumbs to Strong Drink and Is Sent to Penal Servitude.

It was related of Ernest John Thomas, who was sentenced to eighteen months' hard labour for fraud at the Essex Assizes yesterday, that he delivered lectures on behalf of the Scientific Temperance League, of which he posed as the founder.

His reputation as a temperance lecturer was somewhat damaged by his appearance at a meeting under the influence of liquor.

Mr. Justice Lawrence said the inventor of the Scientific Temperance League seemed to have fallen a victim to his own invention. The case reminded him of the story in "Pickwick Papers" of the Rev. Mr. Stiggins, who presided at a temperance meeting and who vacated the chair not voluntarily but involuntarily, by falling to the ground.

### LADY DISAPPEARS IN THE NIGHT.

Earnest investigation is being made into the strange disappearance of the wife of a merchant in Bonness, Litchingdown, who, wearing only a nightdress and a pair of stockings, walked out of the house on Thursday morning.

It is feared that she strayed into the sea and has been carried away by the tide.

## FURS FOR THE SUMMER.

Expert Forecast of Some Coming Novelties of Feminine Fashion.

Fur trimming for summer dresses is the startling forecast of this year's fashion, by a trade expert in the "Drapers' Record."

He bases his forecast on the marked prominence with fur trimming has attained in the south of Europe.

"The problem will be the selection and manipulation of light fur trimmings in such a manner as to dissociate them from their wintery connection, using only their colour and fluffiness, while eliminating their almost inevitable suggestion of warmth."

Another coming mode for ladies will, it is said, be silvery grey flannel suits.

That vexed question, how to trim a Panama hat, is settled by the pronouncement that some simple "casual" adornment is still to be considered the safe line, "something just sufficient to make the Panama possible for the many women who have had to own that it was impossible for them in its old-time 'bold' form."

In the south of Europe Panamas are now being garnished with huge ostrich feathers.

### SPRINGLIKE SPELL ENDING.

February, After the Bright Opening, Likely To Give Us Some Wintery Weather.

Although February has opened with remarkably mild weather—Londoners for part of yesterday morning enjoyed brilliant sunshine and soft airs that recalled April in her best mood—there are prospects that she will maintain her reputation as being the coldest of the winter months.

Indications of a change were, indeed, given before the afternoon was over yesterday, the temperature falling as much as ten degrees in some places.

Those who intend to spend the week-end away from home will do well to prepare for colder and wetter weather.

### CURLERS OFF TO SWITZERLAND.

Scottish Experts at the Ice Game Will Try To Retain the International Cup.

Our winter weather is becoming so erratic and unreliable that curlers, who are numerous and enthusiastic in Scotland, will soon leave to go abroad for opportunities to enjoy the sport.

A hundred of them, drawn from various clubs beyond the Border, left London yesterday for the second annual international curling contest at Kandertegg, Switzerland, where they will remain until next Saturday.

The contest for the international challenge cup, which was won last year by Mr. G. Hamilton, of Dalvell, is carried out under the rules of the Royal Caledonian Curling Club.

### SIR EDWARD FRY'S EXCESSIVE FEE.

Ex-Judge Returns More Than £3,000 of What Was Due to Him as Arbitrator.

Sir Edward Fry, in returning to the Metropolitan Water Board yesterday part of the fee he received for acting as an arbitrator under the Water Act of 1902, disclosed in an interesting calculation his ideas as to the amount he was justified in accepting.

For his services for a year, from October, 1903, he received £5,000. He did not desire to retain more than £1,500, the difference between his pension of £2,500 and the salary he received as a Lord Justice, and, after deducting the income-tax paid, and £250 given to the Institution of Mechanical Engineers in recognition of the courtesy shown to the arbitrators, he sent to the board a cheque for the balance left, which amounted to £3,081 10s. 4d.

### NEW TABLE DELICACY.

Disputed "Dog-Fish" Seems Likely To Become Highly Popular Dish as "Flake."

"Flake de la Manche—Sauce Hollandaise" is a dish which you soon be found on the menus of the Carlton and Savoy.

England is beginning to learn what France learnt years ago—that the dog-fish is very good eating, and under various names, of which "flake" has just been selected as the most fitting, this much-hated fish is daily growing in popularity.

Owing to the large supply available, dog-fish can be bought readily cleaned and fit for cooking at a wholesale price—often as low as 6d. a stone of 14lb. This is exactly half the price of the cheapest of other fish.

### DOCTORS' SUNDAY REST.

Sunday rest for doctors is a German movement which has met with success in the town of Feisling, the first place to put it into practice.

Every Sunday two of the doctors, taken in turn, agree to attend all calls from noon till midnight.

## RUSH ROUND PARIS.

Whirl of Gaiety for London County Councillors Next Week.

### NOT A SECOND TO SPARE.

Quite a number of L.C.C. members serving on committees at Spring-gardens yesterday greeted each other with "Bon jour" instead of the commonplace "Good day."

So occupied are their minds with the trip they will make to Paris on Monday that it is suspected even that some of them have begun to think in French.

There will be 100 in the party, including the chairman, Sir Edwin Cornwall, M.P., and each councillor is looking forward to his visit to the French capital with all the zest of a schoolboy home for the holidays.

The preparations made are wonderfully complete, and the French municipal hosts are showing a tender solicitude for their guests' welfare. Mindful of the kindnesses shown them on their visit to London, the observant Paris councillors have set themselves the task of demonstrating in the most practical manner that the knowledge they gained of English customs has not been lost. Their guests need not be surprised if they find all their wants met in the most approved English fashion—even down to whiskies and sodas, and long churwarden clay pipes and tobacco.

#### What They Will See.

From the moment the London County Council members arrive at the Gare du Nord on Monday afternoon, until they leave again on Saturday, February 10, they will not be allowed the proverbial second in which to be fatigued. Banquets and concerts will be sandwiched in between the active and municipal enterprise in the fair city, while the world-famous palace at Versailles and the great porcelain factory at Sèvres are to be visited.

The British Ambassador holds a reception in honour of the guests on Tuesday, and, appropriately enough, the evening will close with a gala representation at the Opéra.

Wednesday promises to be the busiest day, for after the visit to St. Cloud, Sèvres, and Versailles, London's County Councillors are to meet the President of the French Republic, who will be "at home" to them at the Elysée Palace. All other gaieties will be eclipsed by the ball, which follows later in the evening at the Hotel de Ville.

#### Soiree Countermanded.

On the following day M. Rouvier, the Premier, was to have entertained the London Councillors at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, but owing to the death of King Christian the soiree which had been arranged has been countermanded. A reception, however, will be given in the evening by M. Dubief, Minister of the Interior.

So complete is the programme arranged that events are noted at such close intervals of time on Tuesday as 10, 10.15, 10.45, 11.0, 11.15, and 11.40 a.m., and so on through the whole time of the visit. Almost every second is marked out.

If only the programme is kept accurately, one should be able to locate the party to within a hundred yards at any moment.

### CORRECTED BIRTH-RATE SYSTEM.

Halifax and Bournemouth Below the Standard, While Aberdeen Leads the List.

Doctors A. Newsholme and T. C. H. Stevenson have communicated to the Royal Statistical Society a paper containing important facts in regard to the decline of human fertility in Great Britain.

Hitherto no attempts had been made to correct birth-rates, and consequently many fallacious inferences were drawn.

"Correction" involves due consideration of age, single or married condition, and other matters, in respect of the females, in a community.

The need for a corrected system is well illustrated. Ireland had a low crude birth-rate, but this becomes one of the highest in Europe when the question of fertility is gone into.

In Aberdeen the crude birth-rate in 1881 stood only thirteenth on the list of great towns, but when correction is made it heads the list.

English towns that are much below the standard are Halifax, Huddersfield, Bradford, Oldham, and Bournemouth. Paris is 65 per cent. below the standard.

#### BARONET-CABDRIVER.

Sir James Douglas Talbot Power, twenty-one, of the Junior Naval and Military Club, Piccadilly, was charged before Mr. Kennedy, at the Marlborough-street Police Court yesterday, with unlawfully acting as the driver of a cab in Piccadilly early yesterday morning. The cabman was accused of drunkenness while on his cab.

Sir James Power, who gave no explanation, was fined 40s., and the cabman 10s.

## CAPTAIN OF INDUSTRY.

Death of Lord Masham, the Millionaire Inventor, at the Age of 91.

Lord Masham, the famous inventor and well-known manufacturer, passed away at his residence in Swinton Park, Masham, yesterday morning.

Samuel Cunliffe Lister, who received his barony fifteen years ago, was born on the first day of the year of Waterloo, and was therefore in his ninety-second year.

At one time, when the late Sir Isaac Holden and Lord Masham were in partnership in the "Africs,"



(Maul and Fox.)

LORD MASHAM.

they had nine factories at work (five in England, three in France, and one in Germany).

The total number of patents taken out by Lord Masham in the course of his life was over 100.

He has died a millionaire, after distributing hundreds of thousands of pounds in charity.

Lord Masham leaves two sons and two daughters. The second Lord Masham was born in 1857, and educated at Harrow and Oxford. He is a J.P. for the North Riding of Yorkshire.

### DOUBT ON A NARROW MAJORITY.

Fifty Uncounted Ballot Papers Cause Consternation in East Dorsetshire.

A sensational sequel to the East Dorset election, in which Mr. Van Raalte, the Unionist candidate, was defeated by twenty-one votes, leaked out yesterday.

It appears that two days after the poll was declared fifty ballot papers were discovered in a window of the free corner of the counting-room at Wimborne, apparently not having been included in the count.

The greatest excitement prevails in the division, and Mr. Van Raalte hurriedly returned from London on Wednesday.

Interviewed at Poole yesterday, Mr. Van Raalte confirmed the report.

Whether or not it will lead to a protest on my part I cannot definitely say at the present moment," he said, "but my agents have the matter actively in hand."

### TURBULENT UNEMPLOYED.

Device by Which They Threaten To Compel the Authorities To Help Them.

Bodies of unemployed again demonstrated in London yesterday.

Mr. "Jack" Williams, speaking at Tower-hill, said that if the authorities would not take them under the shelter of the Poor Law they should swarm every police station in and out of London.

They would find that the inspectors dare not remove them, unless at the same time they compelled the relieving-officer to find them lodgings.

After being informed at the house of Mr. Burns that the President of the Local Government Board had transmitted their appeal for work to the Church Army, between 400 and 500 unemployed proceeded to the Battersea work depot, and there created a disorderly scene, afterwards marching in procession, headed by a banner with the words "We are starving."

### NEW JUNIOR LORD OF THE TREASURY.

The *Daily Mirror* is officially informed that Captain Norton, M.P., has been appointed a Junior Lord of the Treasury, at a salary of £1,000, in place of Mr. Freeman Thomas, who has resigned in consequence of his defeat at the polls at Hastings.

### SCOTTISH UNIVERSITIES ELECTION.

Polling for these universities was continued yesterday. There are three candidates—Sir Henry Craik (U.), Professor W. R. Smith (F.T.), and Professor Munro (L.). The state of the poll yesterday afternoon was as follows: Craik, 1,781; Munro, 1,330; Smith, 579.

The winners of the principal prize (£4,000) of the Parisian Press Lottery are four girls, assistants in a shop at Lille, who had chibbed together to buy a ticket.



## MR. STOURTON ON KISSING.

Married Man's Philosophy of  
Restrained Love.

### PILLOW-FIGHT FROLIC.

Is it possible for a man to be in love with a young lady who, on her side, regards him by no means with indifference, and, when opportunity offers, to refrain from kissing her?

It is a most difficult problem, and some of the keenest legal intellects in the Divorce Court applied themselves to it yesterday.

Mr. Auberon Joseph Stourton, the respondent in the Stourton divorce case, declared that the answer to the question is "Yes."

He was in a position that made his opinion valuable, for he had had actual experience of the conditions of the problem. He loved Miss Matterson, so he has himself agreed. Miss Matterson liked him exceedingly. That, too, he had told the Court. It is common ground that he had walked with Miss Matterson "arm in arm."

Yet he found himself able to resist the temptation to kiss her. Of this he was quite positive.

Mastered His Inclination.

Mr. Stourton is a married man. This is a side issue that detracts from the value of his experiment as tending to settle the general question. As a married man he mastered his inclination.

"Did you put your arm round her waist?" asked Mr. Priestley.

Mr. Stourton had not even done this—except perhaps when he was dancing. Nor when he had sat by her side in a cab had he forgotten his married position.

"And yet you say you loved her," commented Mr. Priestley in tones of deep disappointment.

Although he had not kissed Miss Matterson, or put his arm round her waist, Mr. Stourton frankly confessed that he had thrown a cushion at her when with her sister "she dived under the bed-clothes."

About this pillow-fight frolic Mr. Priestley was very curious. "Were you in your night-suit?" he began.

Mr. Stourton repeated his version of the affair. He was wearing a dressing-gown—he always took a dressing-gown to house-parties—and on his way to his bath he had, for a bit of fun, peeped into the ladies' room, and thrown something at them.

Harmless Game of "Peep-Bo."

"Do you really think that sort of thing is proper?" persisted the pointed Mr. Priestley.

The witness gave his decision: "It was a joke; there was no harm in it."

Mr. Priestley tried another way of approaching the matter. Had Mr. Stourton played this harmless game of "peep-bo" round other ladies' bedroom doors? A question was framed to this effect.

Mr. Stourton was again frank. He had been in his sister's bedroom. Once another lady had been with his sister, but they were both dressed. It was true his wife had called him out.

"Did not the ladies expostulate?" Mr. Priestley inquired.

They might have done so, Mr. Stourton thought. They might have told him not to do it again, but he could not say positively, for he had not the slightest recollection of anything having been said.

Throwing cushions at a young lady whom he loved Mr. Stourton did not consider inconsistent with fidelity to his wife. "I was faithful to her," he said.

He was asked about his financial dealings with his mother-in-law, Mrs. Thomas.

The £21,000 which he received from this lady, he pointed out, he regarded in the light of a gift, not a loan. He had devoted £112 of the money to paying a jeweller's bill, and £500 had gone to an account for polo ponies from Buenos Ayres.

The last time that Mr. Stourton had heard from Miss Matterson—she is now abroad—was when she wrote to him informing him that she was engaged to another man. This engagement, Mr. Stourton told the Court, had been broken off. Miss Matterson had broken it off when she heard of the present case.

The evidence that Mr. Stourton had been kind to his wife had been given by several of his friends and relatives, the case was adjourned until Monday, when the Court will sit until it is finished.

### MANAGER ATTACKED BY BURGLARS.

Going unexpectedly to his office early yesterday morning, Mr. Forrester, the manager to Messrs. Kine and Co., outfitters, of Ealing, found there two men, who immediately attacked him, and inflicted wounds which necessitated his detention in the hospital.

By the time the police had arrived the men had decamped with about £29 in cash.

Import duties on spirits imported into India by sea are to be advanced, from February 23, to 12s. 6d. per gallon on liquors, 13s. 9d. on perfumed spirits, and 8s. 9d. on other spirits.

## A BUSINESS SWEETHEART.

Girl Whose Love Was "a Comfort in Days  
of Keen Competition."

Mr. Ernest Albert Clear is a young clothier and dealer in jewellery who lives in Tooting.

Miss Edith May Christie resides with her parents at Croydon.

In November, 1904, the young people met for the first time, and such a regard did they at once conceive for one another that in four days' time they were an engaged pair.

Lord Coleridge, K.C., who represented Miss Christie's interest in a breach of promise case yesterday, attributed the ascendancy which Mr. Clear obtained over her affections to "the exalting tone of his letters tinged with religious feeling."

Just as the engagement was quick in coming, so it was equally rapid in its breach. Mr. Clear said that his intended was "cool and haughty," and refused to marry her.

In the witness-box he explained what he meant by "haughty."

Although his income was meagre, the young lady had told him that after the wedding she must have a first-class servant and "a woman once a week to do the washing." "She was not going to be a slave to any man," she said.

"This was not the first time you had been engaged?" suggested Lord Coleridge, in cross-examination. Mr. Clear was sure it was.

"But you were out with another young lady?" objected the K.C.

"I was not engaged," replied Mr. Clear. Counsel indicated the young lady he had in his mind. It was a young lady whom "a Rev. Mr. Chaplin" had included in an invitation to visit him addressed to Mr. Clear.

"Do you suggest that the reverend gentleman invited these young people to a chaste marriage?" asked Mr. Justice Darling.

Lord Coleridge had not meant this. He had meant that Mr. Chaplin regarded the other young lady as Mr. Clear's fiancée.

The value of love to a young commercial man was illustrated by an extract from one of Mr. Clear's letters.

"Your love, darling, is a real comfort to me, especially in these days of keen competition."

£25 damages were awarded to Miss Christie.

### PRAISE FOR HILDA'S COMMANDER.

Mr. F. Carruthers Gould Speaks of His Many  
Voyages with Captain Gregory.

Testimonials to the ability and prudence of Captain Gregory, who was in command of the Hilda when she went down off St. Malo, formed the most interesting part of the evidence given at the resumed inquiry yesterday.

Mr. F. Carruthers Gould, the well-known cartoonist, said he had crossed between Southampton and St. Malo about twenty times, mostly with Captain Gregory, who, he thought, was an admirable captain and extremely cautious, especially in rough weather.

On behalf of the relatives of passengers who had been drowned, it was urged that someone was to blame for getting the ship into the position in which it was when it stranded.

Judgment will be delivered next Thursday.

### "GIBSON GIRL'S" VERDICT.

The Judge Refuses Counsel's Application on the  
Ground "No Verdict—No Judgment."

The "Gibson Girl" case, in which two juries have disagreed, was mentioned to Mr. Justice Ridley in the King's Bench Division yesterday. The question, from a public point of view, was whether the "Gibson Girl" was an actress, entitled to an engagement throughout the run of the piece, or a chorus girl, who could only demand a fortnight's notice.

Mr. Marshall Hall yesterday submitted that there were two issues in favour of plaintiff as a result of the jury's decision, and asked leave to amend the claim.

His Lordship, refusing the application: There was no verdict, and therefore there was no judgment.

### KILLED WHILE SINGING A HYMN.

While a lad named Arthur Thompson was working in the Wynstay Collieries, Ruabon, yesterday, and cheerfully singing the hymn, "I will have a heart like Thine," the side of the coal-face caved in and several tons of debris fell upon him, killing him instantly.

### WIDOWER MORBED AT A FUNERAL.

The town of Hanley (Staffordshire) is greatly excited over a demonstration made the other day against a young tradesman at the funeral of his young wife.

It is alleged that, although only married for a year, the parties had lived unhappily, and a few days ago the wife left and went to her parents' home, where she died. Many operations assembled with a view to showing hostility to the husband.

## 'VARSITY MANNERS.

Undergraduates Accused of Slovenly  
Dress and Uncouth Manners.

### UNTIDY AND UNWASHED.

If undergraduates of Oxford and Cambridge have had to admit that there is a good deal of truth in the allegation that their universities are largely of the "all play and no work" order, they have hitherto been able to say without fear of contradiction that where manners and good taste were concerned they were above reproach.

We publish to-day, however, a letter from a correspondent who asserts that such is no longer the case. He makes a trenchant attack upon the slovenliness of the modern undergraduate's attire, and deprecates also the deterioration in his manners. He writes as follows:—

"The question of the undergraduate and his wardrobe has lately given much food for discussion. People are beginning to remark with surprise the growing slovenliness of the 'Varsity man, and it is not to be wondered at."

"At Cambridge the costume which is 'de rigueur' for his morning constitutional down 'the K.P.' or Trinity-street is a pair of green flannel trousers, very baggy at the knees, an ill-fitting Norfolk jacket with the belt hanging loosely from behind, a fancy waistcoat of some description, a dannel collar (dark blue or green, with a brilliant vermilion stripe running through the centre, and most in favour), and a 'club' tie—often the collar and tie are dispensed with in favour of a scarf loosely folded round the neck."

Down-at-Heel Pumps.

"The whole is completed by a pair of fancy socks and pumps. These last should be as badly-fitting as possible, so that if by any chance there is a hole in the heel of the sock it may be fully displayed to the admiring gaze of the local ladies. This gives a 'tone' to the whole affair."

"Nor are Oxford men immune from these charges. To them equally as much as to their Cambridge cousins all my remarks will apply. Should an undergraduate decide on a visit to the theatre in the evening, he may possibly so far forget to put on a pair of shoes as to substitute a pair of shoes for his pumps. No other alteration is considered necessary."

"The question of cleanliness or of hygiene does not enter into his calculations. When sitting in hall, the college tablecloth looks spotted beside the average undergraduate's hands. He seems either to have an innate aversion to cold water or else it is too much 'rag' to wash. This deterioration is most deplorable."

New Suit Makes Comment.

"There is, of course, in almost every college a set of men who have too much pride to follow with the throng; men amongst whom the flannel collar and Norfolk jacket is taboo, but they are generally regarded as 'tailors' dummies,' and promptly dubbed effeminate or 'sidley.' In one college for a man to appear in a new suit is a matter for general comment and amusement."

"Time was when the 'Varsity' led the fashions, and the 'Varsity' man was the acme of smartness and good taste. Nowadays the well-groomed man is the exception."

"Not only is this deterioration to be noticed in their appearance, but also in their manners. It is an everyday occurrence for men to stroll four abreast down the pavement, forcing ladies into the road. They make audible comments on the people they pass, and their behaviour in the theatre is such that no self-respecting man would ever dream of taking his people there during term-time."

"It is not too much to say that the average undergraduate of the present day lacks everything save vulgarity.—Yours, etc., OFF THE BOOKS."

### AGED CLERICAL BANKRUPT

Attributes His Unhappy Position to the Depreciation  
of Land in Essex.

It has been the misfortune of the Rev. Charles Brian Leigh to figure in the Bankruptcy Court very late in life.

He is ninety-two years of age, and states that he has incurred a loss of £5,486 in consequence of depreciation of land in Essex.

The receiving order was made upon the joint petition of Sir Howland Roberts, Bart., and Mr. W. S. Wilkinson. The statement of affairs shows that the liabilities are expected to rank at £29,052, while the assets are valued at £3,566.

The meeting of creditors was adjourned.

### SOUGHT DEATH ON HUSBAND'S GRAVE.

A very sad tragedy in the Deptford Cemetery was the subject of a coroner's inquiry at Lewisham yesterday, when it was related how Jane Saxon, a widow, of Fulham, took a wreath to her husband's grave, and then drank a quantity of oxalic acid and died. Since her husband's death in August she had been a constant attendant at the cemetery.

## ANGLO-IRISH HUSBAND.

His Sorrowful Recollection of the Year "When  
Shannon Lass Ran Fourth."

When the fight over the vexed question of domicile was resumed in the case of Fitzgerald v. Fitzgerald, in the Divorce Court yesterday, there were some interesting passages between counsel and witnesses.

As a preliminary to a divorce action, it is being claimed that Mr. Fitzgerald is an Irishman, and therefore the English Divorce Court has no jurisdiction to deal with the petition presented by his wife.

Taxed about his avowed intention of making the Island, Waterford, his home, Mr. Fitzgerald admitted that he had once come to England for the Grand National.

Sir Edward Carson: Like a true Irishman. (Laughter.) Was that the year of Shannon Lass? Mr. Fitzgerald: Shannon Lass ran fourth. I remember it; I backed her. (Laughter.)

Sir Richard Musgrave, of Waterford, supported the Irish domicile plea.

Sir R. Finlay: Did they bring you all the way to England to give this evidence?—Yes.—I am sorry for you.

Mrs. Fitzgerald said that she first met her husband in December, 1898, on a train journey from Chicago to Los Angeles.

Counsel: Did your husband say anything about his nationality?—Yes; he always said he was an Englishman. He remarked that he had some Irish blood, and you know we Americans are very fond of Irish people.

He further told her that the only thing that was Irish about him was his name.

The hearing was adjourned.

### STRANGE STORY OF A 'RUINED SCHOOL.'

Girl-Pupil of 22, an Ex-M.P.'s Grand-daughter, Said  
To Have Frightened Other Boarders Away.

Mr. Scott-Fox, K.C., mentioned a very remarkable case in the Court of Appeal yesterday, when he asked for leave to appeal from the decision of a Judge in chambers on a question of interrogatories.

The action was one brought by a schoolmistress against a lady of twenty-two who came to the school, which is at Morpeth, as a pupil to attend special "finishing classes."

It was alleged that the pupil, who is a grand-daughter of a gentleman who was a member of Parliament up to the time of the dissolution, gave way to drink, and, as a result, so it is alleged, the schoolmistress lost thirteen out of sixteen boarders and many day scholars. In fact the school, it was said, was ruined.

Their Lordships directed counsel to serve short notice of appeal for Monday next.

### DEBTOR'S IDENTITY IN DISPUTE.

Court of Appeal Decides That a Creditor Must Prove  
He Is Acting Against the Right Man.

A curious question of the identity of a debtor came before the Lords of Appeal yesterday. Even the master of the Rolls described it as "very difficult and complicated."

The appeal was caused by an order by Mr. Registrar Giffard dismissing the petition of a creditor, Mr. Robert Leslie, against Herbert Smith. The "debtor" against whom the petition was issued denied that he was the person concerned.

Meanwhile, according to what "my Lords" were told, Mr. Leslie's position is a hard one. He dispatched to Herbert Smith, said to be an outside broker in Moorgate-street, £890 to provide cover on various transactions.

Those transactions proved profitable, but when Smith was asked to pay only £100 was forthcoming. Proceedings were taken against a certain "debtor" believed to be Smith, and on hearing the facts, the Registrar decided against the creditor. Against this the creditor appealed.

The Master of the Rolls yesterday said the onus was on the petitioning creditor to prove that the debtor was Smith, and the other Lords Justices concurring, the appeal was dismissed.

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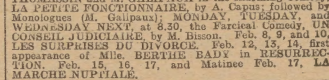
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AMUSEMENTS. CONCERTS, ETC.

American financial support is said to be behind a proposal to connect Southport and Blackpool by a great bridge and electric railway across the Ribble Estuary.

Bourton Hall, near Rugby, and the estate, which includes the village of Bourton, held by one family since the time of Elizabeth, has just been sold by private treaty.

Defying the Local Government Board, the Holbeach (Lincs.) Guardians have refused to appoint one vaccination officer, instead of two, for the combined districts of Long Sutton and Tydd.

Seldom do advertisements appear in so useful a form as that taken by a complete list of the new House of Commons and the most recent new Peerages, arranged in a neat booklet for free distribution by a firm of cigarette specialists.

Mr. Edwin Beddow, whose death at Southport is announced, commenced his career at Staveley Works, Chesterfield, as office-boy, and rose step by step until he became a director of that company, as well as of many other concerns.

When a dividend at the rate of 2½ per cent. was announced at yesterday's meeting of the London Chatham and Dover Railway, it was stated that the company's share of the cost of re-building Charing Cross Station roof would be £24,000.

"S-Nero, or a Roman Bank Holiday; a Treasonable Perpetration," by Mr. Chris Davis, described as a "screaming burlesque absurdity," will be included in the Coliseum programme on February 12.

The propellers of H.M.S. Dreadnought, the world's largest battleship, illustrated in Thursday's *Daily Mirror*, are of Stone's Bronze, a composition in every respect superior to phosphor bronze, which was stated to be the metal employed.

The Bishop of Norwich writes in a pastoral: "If we could persuade people to take no stimulants whatever, except wholesome home-brewed beer, a dinner and supper at home, the temperance and morality of our country would be enormously improved."

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## RELIGIOUS WAR IN FRANCE.

**W**E in England watch, with a sense of relief at being out of it all, the troubles which are distracting our neighbours, the French, in connection with the separation of Church and State.

Just at present opinion in England has been turned, partly by Clerical indiscretions in the way of bone-breaking, strongly in favour of the French Ministry, and of M. Rouvier's policy of separation. And certainly this policy, which is a far more moderate and statesmanlike one than it has ignorantly been made out to be, is destined to triumph in the end.

But it must be remembered in favour of the bone-breakers that the attitude of the Government in France towards the Clerical party has been by no means statesmanlike or moderate. Many of the anti-Clericals, led by M. Combes under the expressive title of "the block," have shown this in actions and in speeches. One of them has expressed his firm conviction that the days of "superstition" are over, and has said that he looks forward to the time when churches will be turned into museums or barracks, and the feet of worshippers be no longer heard within them.

Can it be wondered that the Clericals regard the Government with distrust? Never has it attempted to win them. They are irreconcilable, and the French Administrations excel at the creation of these. The Republic has made for itself by the law against associations an irreconcilable Brittany—a French Ireland; has hopelessly alienated a powerful and valuable army of writers and thinkers—men like Ferdinand Brunetiere, with all his supporters of the *Revue des Deux Mondes*, writers like Paul Bourget and René Bazin, with all their admirers in the great public. If it was indeed necessary to offend this minority—an important and intellectual section of France—well, it had to be done. But was it necessary?

We in England have not as yet evidence enough to decide. But one thing is certain—French Governments, of whatever colour they may be, have an instinctive and insurmountable repugnance to associations and independent bodies of any sort.

In France, as Mr. Bodley (whose lectures on this very subject attracted crowds to the Royal Institution a few days ago) has pointed out, "no society of more than twenty persons, united for a common object, is permitted to exist without the authorisation of the Government, which can at any moment dissolve it." And in all his political judgments the Frenchman seems to be guided by ill-defined suspicions, vague distrusts, haunting fears of inquisitorial bodies which he supposes to be moving about to do the secret bidding of distant enemies of France.

That was the attitude of the Government which precipitated this crisis on the country. M. Anatole France, one of the greatest of living French writers, in the preface which he wrote to a volume of M. Combes' speeches, certainly convinced one of that. Suspicion, threats, and "Clericalism is the enemy" were on the Government side: hysteria and bigotry on the side of the Church. No wonder, then, that matters have come to the bone-breaking extremity.

Cardinal Richard, too, on the clerical side, is an unfortunate leader. The man who reduced the Abbé Loisy to silence by misrepresentation at the Vatican, the man who becomes more intractable the more the situation seems to demand compromise, the man who gives his clergy foolish manifestos to read in churches when inspectors arrive to do their duty, cannot be called a statesman. And it is only a statesman who could at present pilot the French Church through the storms, which, partly owing to its own mistakes, partly owing to its enemies' suspicions and intolerance, are coming from all the quarters of the sky upon it.

A. F.

## A THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY.

The Alpha and Omega of Socialism is the transmutation of private competing capital into united collective capital.—*Schaeffle*.

## THIS MORNING'S GOSSIP.

**M**R. ROBERT BLATCHFORD has certainly determined upon an uncompromising campaign against the old parties—Liberal and Conservative—which were once supreme in government. "The Clarion," under his management, is evidently going to make an alarming noise in the world. Mr. Blatchford's work in this explosive paper has long been well known to lovers of vigorous argument. And before he became associated with it, his contributions to the "Manchester Sunday Chronicle" had made his name in journalism.

Mr. Blatchford was, however, never intended by his parents for journalism. They were actors, and very poor, and Robert was to be trained as a brush-maker. Brushes are indispensable things, but making them is a tiresome business, and this naturally disgusted the ambitious boy, who ran away, like David Copperfield, from his factory and enlisted. He served six years in the Army, and acquired an enormous number of soldier stories, together with a dislike of military life. Soon he left it for literary work, and began his political labours. Of course, he despises Parliaments and all other talking-places. A friend once asked him

he met in a tavern—in those days theatrical agents were generally discoverable in taverns—and brought the man to give him a chance. The man asked him to "act something." So the boy acted, sang—danced—even for several minutes. "You'll do," said the agent laconically, and the boy was engaged at fifteen shillings a week. "What's your name?" said the agent as he signed the engagement. "I haven't chosen a name." Then, being an admirer of Mark Twain, he chose Mark, and added Melford, which came on the spur of the moment, to it.

A new play by Alexandre Bisson has just been produced at the Vaudeville Theatre in Paris. He is now a successful author, but has known, like many another literary man, all the horrors of what must be euphemistically called the Bohemian state—the down-at-heel, drifting condition which seems, in Paris, to result in more lamentable tragedies than one ever hears of in London. Bisson had come to such a pass, one December night, that he entered a brasserie on the Rive Gauche, and begged to be allowed pen and ink for the writing of a letter.

Then he sat down and wrote to the Emperor Napoleon III., stating that, unless he received £1

## TALKERS OF TWADDLE.



Correspondents complain that there is very little intelligent conversation nowadays. They say that people either talk like pigs or speak twaddle. These pictures suggest a heroic remedy for the nuisance of the twaddle-talker.

why he did not stand for election. "I go to Parliament?" he said. "That the place for successful auctioneers!" which was amusing, if inaccurate as a description.

The extraordinary accident which has happened to Mr. Mark Melford, the well-known actor, shows once again how unwise it is to treat any kind of firearm frivolously, and especially that one ought not to carry rock rifles in one's pocket. One is rather surprised to hear that Mr. Melford cares for shooting, since he is known to be very fond of birds. He has actually named his house in St. John's Wood "The Jackdaw's Nest," and has placed an admonition to "Beware of the ravens" over the garden-gate. That is because four pet ravens, as black as the famous one which haunted Edgar Poe, are allowed to make a home of the garden.

Mr. Melford is fond of outdoor life, and is said, as a little boy, frequently to have run away from school in order to indulge this taste. In fact, the taste really may be said to have determined his later career. In order to be allowed to go freely about the fields he is said to have feigned incipient madness, that he might create an impression that books were bad for him. This early effort at acting was so successful that the idea came upon him that he would do well to make himself an actor.

So he ran away again—from home this time, and went to a theatrical agent in London, whom

at a named address, he would be heard of in the papers—he would take a plunge into the Seine. When Bisson called at the address to see if the £1 had come, he was met by an agent of police, who conveyed him, under the charge of having threatened the Emperor, to a police station. There he passed the night—it must have been the first night under decently comfortable conditions he had spent for many weeks.

When his whole case came to be investigated, it was decided that he had had much to suffer. So they gave him an appointment in connection with one of the State railways, and the official eye was kept critically upon him. The officials were not entirely satisfied. M. Bisson, they found, was very inattentive—he was always writing instead of attending to the railways. And after three months of the "dismissal" But by that time one of his plays had been accepted, and then the friendless clerk started to become the prosperous and admired face-writer to whom we owe so many evenings of amusement.

A successor to the late Sir Courtenay Knollys in the Governorship of the Leeward Islands has been found in Sir Ernest Bickham Sweet-Escott, who has been Governor of British Honduras since 1904. Before that he was Governor of the Seychelles, so he had plenty of experience of British dependencies, and has assisted appreciably in spreading an admiration for English manners in more or less benighted spots.

## THROUGH THE "MIRROR."

### COUNTRY HOUSE TIPPING.

I read the letters about tipping with great interest. Living in a country house, and knowing the amount of pleasure shooting, etc., gives, we tender the deepest sympathy to "E. W." for having to forego his invitations. If he would give his name and address we would all start a subscription, and I am sure other servants would follow suit. It is nice to help and to be helped. W. W.

Bayswater.

There seems to be some scepticism manifested by your readers—by those of them, at least, who represent the servants' point of view—as to the size of the "tips" conventionally required at "smart" houses.

Such trivial sums as a shilling and half a crown are mentioned. But, of course, no one would be mean enough to object to those.

Let your servant representatives know, if they do not know it already, that £5 is the ordinary sum given to a gamekeeper after a "shoot"; that no butler or manservant in a big house will look at anything but gold; and that no "poor young man" who spends, say, a fortnight in one of these houses can expect to get away under £7 or £10—that is, if he shoots or hunts with the other members of the party.

I dare say the servants are perfectly right in their contention that they have to work much harder during a house-party. All I point out is that the owners of the house, not the guests, ought to pay the extra wages. WILFRED MORNINGTON.

Half Moon-street, W.

### SCIENCE AND SPIRITUALISM.

I have read with interest your article "Science and Spiritualism," having myself been an anxious searcher after truth for the last ten years.

My experience leads me to the conclusion that 50 per cent. of the so-called phenomena is fraud and 50 per cent.—imagination, but I am willing to believe that any of the phenomena claimed by the spiritualists might happen, because I hold that nothing is impossible to the great source of things.

I have an acquaintance who has been a convert for about three years, and he declares that he has been in communication with his mother and with friends who died some years ago. Now there seems to be a good chance to either prove or disprove the facts (so-called). Could not a séance be held, with three or four level-headed men (not spiritualists) to give to your readers exactly what takes place, for this is either a great truth or a great fraud. DOWNTON.

Kensington.

### THE MEANING OF SOCIALISM.

As a working man I protest against the misrepresentation of socialism's real principles by anyone.

Plunder, carnage, and chaos are the "peculiarities" of expropriation—a polite form of brigandage vainly waiting its investiture with the pallium of "sanctity" at the hands of an, as yet, unrecognised law, whose morality, if established, would stultify all law.

Plunder, carnage, and chaos are also the "peculiarities" of anarchy; and anarchy is humanity's fits of temporary insanity, when reason is relegated to the rear and God is—forgotten.

ALEXANDER ROZICKI.

33, Blackfriars-road, London, S.E.

### SILLY SONGS.

There is absolutely no reason why a song should not be silly as long as it is funny.

But, on the other hand, a song is vulgar, it ceases to be funny.

To invoke real laughter a song should be naturally witty in sentiment and action, and should not depend too much on syllabic repetition, such as one would only use to a fretful child.

"Drink" should on no account be the theme of a silly or any other song.

Milton-avenue, Alsager. GERTRUDE M. CRAIG.

### THE RIGHT TO WORK.

With reference to the unemployed from Liverpool who are walking to London, I notice they belong to the "Right to Work Society."

I should be obliged if you could tell me what the rules of this society of union are; how many hours a day a man can work, and if they stipulate a minimum wage? A READER.

Milton-avenue, London, E.

### IN MY GARDEN.

FEBRUARY 2.—The recent mild weather has been splendid for the winter-flowering iris, stylas. Today many of its precious blossoms can be gathered.

This iris should be often seen in gardens, for, even in cold districts (if given some protection) it flowers on and off through the year's dreary months, and is an exquisite subject for arranging indoors with Christmas roses, Roman hyacinths, and narcissi.

And to-day we are gathering a few single and double violets in the open, while many coloured cowslips can be found to fill our winter rooms with spring sweetness. E. F. T.



# THE TIN MINE BOOM in CORNWALL

REVIVAL OF THE CORNISH TIN INDUSTRY.



Cornish tin mine owners are being pleasurably excited by a welcome boom in their product. Above is a view of the Walcoath mine, the deepest in the world—3,120 feet—employing 1,200 men and forty women.



Women excavating mound of low-grade ore, which now pays for working.



Tramload of ore being tipped into a crusher—the first stage.



Typical group of underground workers just arrived at the surface.



Pit mouth, showing vast ponds of water pumped up from the mine.

# EVENTS of the D

5,281 FARTHING.



Collected in twelve months by Mr. Arnold, caretaker of the Tunbridge Wells Young Men's Christian Association for the Kindly Help Fund.

FAMOUS GIBSON GIRL.



Miss Ethel Karri Thomas, now Mrs. Hawkins, over whose claim against the Vaudeville Theatre for dismissal two juries have disagreed.

THE ROYAL LOVE



King Alfonso and Princess Ena at the Villa of Hanover, the hostess of Princess Ena, is

ITALIAN OFFICER'S P



Dramatic snapshot taken at the great n. Rome. This is somewhat similar to our Hall, excepting that it is for off

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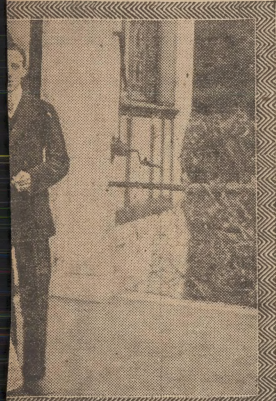


Royal Marines marching through Chatham on their way to join their ships and proceed immediately to sea.



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## AT BIARRITZ.



Princess Frederica standing at the drawing-room window.

## L AFTER A JUMP.



International military Horsemanship Meeting at the Agricultural Tournament at the Agricultural only and held in the open air.

## GENERAL TERAUCHI,



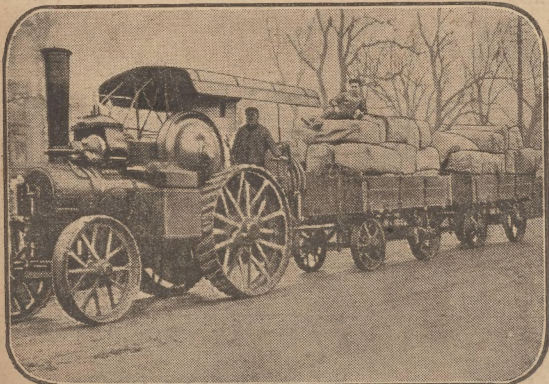
The Japanese general who says the Anglo-Japanese alliance is one-sided, and that England ought to institute reforms in her Army to make it fit for war.

## MRS. STOURTON,



Petitioner for divorce in the remarkable "Smart Set" case now being heard by Mr. Justice Baggallay in the Divorce Court.

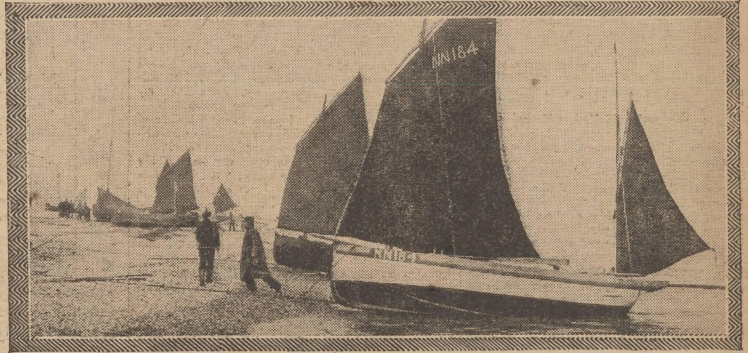
## MANŒUVRES—SCENES AT CHATHAM.



Traction-engine drawing trucks laden with stores for ships mobilised from the reserve for service at manoeuvres.

# A WONDERFUL CATCH OF SPRATS at EASTBOURNE

## LANDING THE NIGHT'S CATCH ON EASTBOURNE BEACH.



Large numbers of sprats are being landed at Eastbourne, but the prices fetched are ridiculously low, one boat being obliged to sell a night's catch of 20,000 for 18s.—about 10½d. per 1,000. The photograph shows the boat NN. 184 arriving at Eastbourne with 50,000 sprats on board.



Scene at the fishing village at Eastbourne. Shaking the sprats out of the net.



A good catch. There are 20,000 sprats in the catch now being shaken from the nets.



Carrying the sprats to market. The fish are packed in the barrels covered with sacking carried by the two men in the foreground.



# THE BROKEN LAW.

By J. B. HARRIS-BURLAND.

## CHAPTER XXIV. (continued). The Sword.

Mr. Lampirithy was the first to speak. He broke in upon the silence with an ordinary apology. "I'm sorry for the interruption," he said quietly. "But, as you know, when one is married—women, of course, do not understand."

Father Francis did not lift his eyes to the speaker's face. He was thinking of his mother, and life in Gaunt Royal, and Lady Betty Drake. Mr. Lampirithy frowned. His apologies were not usually received with this indifference, especially when they were made to anyone who was asking his assistance.

"I beg your pardon," said Father Francis, after a pause. "I was thinking of your little girl. How beautiful she is. There is something in life which money cannot destroy."

Mr. Lampirithy laughed bitterly. "How old is she?" continued Father Francis. "Has she ever been in Wales?"

Mr. Lampirithy looked at him as though desirous of tracing the reason of this peculiar question.

"She is fourteen," he replied stiffly, "and she has never been in Wales. She is not my child, only my step-daughter. But the curse of my wealth is on her. She is, as you say, beautiful. And one day she will be the richest woman in the world. In your opinion, and perhaps in mine as well, the combination of wealth and loveliness will not tend to her advantage."

"She is but a child," said Father Francis softly. "Her mind is wax, and receives the impressions of her surroundings. It is curious that I should fancy I had seen her before. Of course I have not."

"Of course not, if you've just come from the deserts of Arabia. Now let us talk business."

A gleam of hope came into the eyes of the enthusiast, and all thought of the child passed from his mind.

"Business?" he queried. "Yes, Mr. Lampirithy, I must apologise for the interruption. Only one thing occupies my mind. I have stated my case. You think it is worthless, and the mere visions of a dreamer. Yet some of the greatest things in the world have first come to men in visions."

"You are a dreamer," replied Mr. Lampirithy, picking up a piece of paper and a pencil. "I am not sure that you are not mad. Your mind is the exact antithesis of my own, for with me everything resolves itself into a question of pounds, shillings, and pence, and I am, of course, a practical man. But I will confess to you that your words have not been altogether wasted. They have touched a weak spot in my armour. I have always had the desire to attempt something which has never yet been attempted, something in which I can pit all my wealth and energy against almost insuperable odds. In the course of my life, however, from time to time, and I have put my back into the work. But in each case they have been matters of finance, and the victory has been too easy. Here you offer me a fresh field for my talents. And that seems to me the only merit in anything you have said."

He paused, and carefully selecting another cigar from his case, he lit it, and scrutinised the face of the dreamer. Father Francis did not speak, but his whole face and body were eloquent. The crucial moment had come, and his whole future work, and perhaps the future happiness of the world depended on the man who faced him, quietly smoking a cigar. The tenseness of the occasion was written in every line of his face, in his eyes, in the pose of his limbs. But he did not dare to speak. A single word might destroy everything.

"Your scheme for the houses," continued Mr. Lampirithy, "does not appeal to me. It seems useless and visionary. I do not think they will do any good. I do not believe that you can find 40,000 men in England to undertake the work at starvation wages. I am sure that you will meet with the opposition of every kind of religious denomination. You called these houses both homes and fortresses. The latter title seems to me to be the more correct. They will appear in this light to the inhabitants of the towns and villages. They will provoke resentment and irritation, be rather a hindrance than a help to your cause. I think I can spend my money in a way which will be profitable to myself and which will incidentally further the cause you have at heart. I have told you that I want to pit all the force of my wealth against some great obstacle, to accomplish some almost hopeless task, to fight a battle which will occupy all my thoughts, and be worthy of such brains as I have got."

He paused, and, stretching out his hand, took hold of a packet of papers, and slowly untied the piece of red tape which bound them together. Then he turned over the documents, one by one, and, selecting several sheets of blue foolscap, opened them, and appeared lost in the study of their contents.

Father Francis sat motionless, and not a muscle of his face moved. But his dark eyes were fixed on the papers, and he only saw long columns of figures.

For five minutes there was silence, only broken by the rustle of the papers, as Mr. Lampirithy turned them over. The heart of Father Francis beat fast, and he began to experience a feeling of shame. He had appeared to this giant force of wealth for help, and apparently his appeal had

not been in vain. But he was made to feel the humiliation of the whole business. His soul and brain were aglow with the fires of religious enthusiasm. His only desire was to further the cause of Christianity and make it a living force in the world. He was inspired with the noble fervour of a high ideal. But the man on whose assistance everything depended was merely reckoning up columns of figures and calculating what it would cost.

"I am now engaged," Mr. Lampirithy said, "on a scheme which will place in my hands the greatest power for good or evil that has ever been placed in the hands of any single man. I started it with the sole idea of making money. It is a purely financial scheme. I look for large profits."

He paused, and a cloud passed over the face of Father Francis. Why did this man insist on thrusting the sordid side of the matter in his face?

"Your words have not touched my heart," the millionaire continued with a smile, "but that casts no slur on your powers of logic or rhetoric. I have no heart. I have only a brain, which is eager for something worthy of it. You have supplied that 'something.' You have turned up at an opportune moment. I can so carry out my scheme that it will benefit both you and myself."

Again he paused, and Father Francis did not look at him. He had no wish to show the eagerness in his eyes.

"Of course," continued Mr. Lampirithy coldly, "what I am going to tell you will go no further. If it does, you had better go back to Arabia. You won't find the desert sand so hot for you as England."

"Of course, I shall say nothing," Father Francis interrupted laughingly, "of course not." He tried to control his voice, but the nails of his fingers left deep red marks on his palms.

"Well, then, I will let you know something about the scheme. These papers here"—and he touched the packet with his fingers—"deal with a matter which is going to cost me three times as much as your little scheme of 'houses' and 'fortresses.' And if I carry it out on lines which will help you as well as myself, I shall give you ten times as much assistance as you have ever dreamt of in your wildest dreams."

He paused, and opened out the sheets of blue foolscap.

"Yes, yes," cried Father Francis, rising to his feet. Then, as though ashamed of his lack of self-control, he sank back into his chair, and folded his arms and waited patiently.

"The great power of this country," continued Mr. Lampirithy, "is the Press. It directs public opinion; it guides Parliaments; it has a voice in the conduct of kings; it can make war or peace; it is all-powerful. It is sneered at by the great, but they are all under its heel. In two months' time nearly all the Press of England—and, indeed, of the whole world—will be in the hands of one man."

"The Press of England—of the world? Impossible!" murmured Father Francis. "Even your wealth cannot buy it. It is incorruptible; it cannot be bought."

Mr. Lampirithy smiled.

"No," he said quietly, "it cannot be bought. It is not, as you say, incorruptible, but a large part of it cannot be bribed or corrupted. Unfortunately, however, the Press, great power though it is, depends on quite a material and purchasable commodity. Even the finest thoughts, the most unbiased views, the most splendid articles in support of any cause, have to be printed on ordinary and sometimes, I fear, very common paper."

"Of course," said Father Francis, "of course."

"Well, in two months' time I shall control the paper supply of the world."

"Yes, yes," said Father Francis eagerly. He was beginning to understand.

"Most of the newspapers will be dependent on me for their very existence. Some of them have their own mills, and will be independent; but the majority will have to buy their paper from me. If I choose to raise the price of the paper a farthing a pound they will either be run at a loss or be swept out of existence. Do you understand?"

"It is wonderful," muttered Father Francis. "It is not human; it is devilish, this power that lies in the hands of a rich man."

Yet if it were used for good, if I were to say to the newspaper proprietors: 'Here is a policy, which is honest, which is Christian, which is going to purify the world and make men better and happier. Model the tone of your paper on these lines. Try and give the public something which will further the cause of religion and honesty and purity. Press home my ideas, however wild they may seem to you at first. Influence Parliament, the public, the whole of your great audience. Do this, and you shall have your paper at a price which will yield you a profit. Refuse to do it—'

"No, no," cried Father Francis. "It is impossible. They will all set up mills of their own. The trees cover millions of acres. Even you cannot buy the forests of the world. There is no pulp to everyone's hand."

"Yes, if they have the machinery and the mills. But these things cannot be put up in a day. Do you think that a paper can afford to stop circulation while it is putting up mills?"

"They will pay any price, run the paper at a loss till they are ready. They will pay any price."

"They shall not have it at any price," shouted Mr. Lampirithy, rising to his feet, and bringing down his fist with a crash on the table. "If I refuse to give it them, they cannot have it at all."

(To be continued.)

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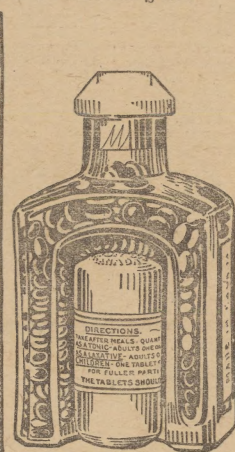


Illustration No. 2.—Bottle showing aluminium box fitting into groove.

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## THE MONEY MARKET.

Poor Midland Dividend Depresses Home Rails.

## ATTACKING THE CHATHAM

CAPEL COURT, Friday Evening.—The gilt-edged market has recently derived benefit from considerable purchases on behalf of Government departments, and it is said that the Egyptian Government has invested largely recently in our securities. Were it not, therefore, that money is at the moment tight, we might expect a better price for Consols. Not that it would be a good thing to see the "bull" account much increased in these times of uncertainty. So to-day's damper in the shape of tight money is a very useful check.

The Bank of England has recently borrowed money in Lombard-street to control the situation and safeguard the London stocks of gold. So to-day there was almost a money scramble. Consequently Consols, which were chirpy enough at first on 90-91, eased off to 90½ again.

Any chance of the Home Railway market improving was stopped by a poor Midland dividend. As one broker remarked, there was absolutely nothing doing. Brokers and jobbers seemed to find more interest in their offices, where they were presumably searching through the lists for cheap investments.

### LONDON DOCKS' RUMOUR.

The Midland dividend was only 4 per cent. better than a year ago. It is evident that the company must have expended very liberally during the half-year, probably its working outlay increasing by nearly £200,000, including fresh capital charges. The extra outlay is no bad thing in itself, but it rather upset calculations, and caused Home Rails to show weakness. The exceptions were Taff Vale stock, which rose to 81, and is a cheap security of the moment, and Great Northern Deferred, which, owing to the drastic economies shown in the report, is being bought by speculators.

Having said this much we have really got to the end of the day's great market features. Yet there were several other points worth discussing. For instance, there was a story put about a Bill to acquire the London Docks. It had certainly some effect on the prices of the securities. Then there were stories current about some falling-off in Clyde shipbuilding which seemed to effect Scottish railway stocks adversely. There was also talk of fresh capital.

At the Anglo-American Telegraph meeting there were interesting references to wireless telegraphy. At the Gas Light and Coke meeting there was a feeling of depression owing to the statements as to the illness of Sir William Makins, the chairman. Sir William was, of course, re-elected, but it was unfortunately considered necessary, with his re-election, to grant him leave of absence for three months.

### ARGENTINE LABOUR FEARS.

At the London, Chatham, and Dover Railway meeting there was quite a sensation. Mr. R. W. Perkins, M.P., so closely connected with Mr. Yerkes, went to the meeting, and he had the sensation of the deputy-chairman of one railway company violently attacking another company in the same field. He strongly objected to the results of the working arrangement with the South-Eastern, which he evidently thought had cost the Chatham much. In the old days one used to hear what a splendid bargain Mr. Forbes had made for the Chatham. People were asking what the attack meant. The American Railways we need not worry about. They were kept fairly good, but they are entirely a New York market. But the "bulls" of Canadian Pacific were opening their minds very wide about the prospects of the dividend due to-morrow. Labour fears continue to check Argentine Rails, and rains to interfere with Brazilian and Cuban Rails.

Perhaps the Kafir market was rather better. Still, there was not much in it, and, if there was a little bidding, it did not look like any great zeal on behalf of the public. And there was certainly less business in West Africans. In fact, mines, taken as a whole to-day, were inactive and none too cheerful.

## HEROIC HOSPITAL PATIENTS.

Pathetic Story of Two Workmen Who Remained Faithful Comrades to the Last.

The extraordinary heroism exhibited by hospital patients and their sympathy towards their fellow-sufferers, rarely comes to light. An illustration has been sent to the "Lancet" by a correspondent.

Two men were working in a lift when it fell a distance of 50ft. with them. They were taken to a large general hospital, but one died before he could be got up to the ward. The other, a shattered mass of humanity, was put to bed to see if anything could be done for him.

When he recovered consciousness his only words to the surgeon were: "Is my mate?" Five minutes after he had rejoined him.

## POOR LAW GUARDIANS OFFICERS' FOOTBALL MATCH.



At Olympia the Lambeth Guardians' officers (photograph above) played those of Croydon (photograph below) at football, and defeated them by 2 goals to 1.

## WEDDING SILVER CUP PRESENTED TO ALFRED SHRUBB.



On the evening after his marriage to Miss Ada Emily Brown, daughter of Mr. John Brown, of the Sussex Hotel, Hayward's Heath, Mr. Shrubbs appeared at Olympia and attempted to lower his own record of 14min. 22.2-sec. for three miles, and only failed by one second. In the photograph he is being presented with a silver cup by the management of Olympia in honour of his wedding.

## TALKERS OF WEAK TWADDLE.

A Sad Famine of Ideas in London Conversations.

BY A CLEVER WOMAN.

"Are there any clever men or women in London who can be hired by the hour to come and talk really 'good talk' to me?" writes a lady correspondent. "I am weary," she continues, "of the babble of my social set, and everybody's social set. I am bored by the 'vain repetitions' as to the weather of yesterday, the prospect of rain to-day, and the barometrical prophecies of the morrow."

Is there no escape from the counterfeited prattle which passes for conversation nowadays? It is easy to hire operatic singers, past-masters in music, conjurers, and card trick performers to amuse one's guests after dinner. But where can men and women be found to relieve, by clever, bright and entertaining talk, the two awful hours during which my fish, flesh, and fowl are being consumed by my tiresome, deadly dull friends?

### WHY BANDS DROWN TALK.

Hostesses nowadays are obliged to entertain at restaurants, because their guests are so dull. The clash and bang of the band covers a multitude of sins in the shape of prosaic platitudes and trite sentiments. Under cover of popular airs from the "Autumn Fowl," or "The Bachelor of the Season," people can indulge in a surfeit of talk so feeble and silly that they would blush to utter if the beat of a big drum and an energetically-played bassoon did not offer some sort of conversational cover.

A protective tariff should be put on talk. Its volume is too great. By limiting the output the standard of its quality might be raised.

People who talk much cannot talk well. They repeat themselves, say the same things dozens of times a day, sometimes mercifully in different words, more often in the old, old vernacular.

The average person is a walking formula of phrases as codified as a Marconigram system, though lacking its delightful conciseness. Personalities—what he or she said, and the common-places uttered in return—are discussed with all the solemnity of weighty State matters. One's hand at bridge, and how one played it, or how a tiresome stymie ruined one's chances for one's golf club championship assume a social importance never accorded to questions of Eternity.

With a gravity rarely employed in forming a Cabinet, people make engagements to meet at a trumpery little tea-shop, where a "band" makes

any conversation worthy of the name a vocal impossibility between 4 and 6 p.m. The band is there—as bands always are at parties—with the deliberate intention to spare the company from being thrown on its own conversational resources.

Talk, talk, everywhere, and nothing said worth hearing. You ask men to dinner and they discourse on digestive troubles and gout. Women talk of bridge scores, pet puppies, and misfit frocks. In all the dreary oasis of babble a thought, an idea, or inspiration to refresh any brain above the rabbit order is rare. The things that matter are rarely mentioned. And the majority of baby-babblers have voices like megaphones. Natural modesty, one would think, should lead the purveyor of banalities and froth to expose these in a whisper as hefts wares of so little value. But the persons most notable for frivolous and rapid utterances are almost sure to voice their feeble sentiments from the housetops.

### GUESTS SHOULD EARN SALT.

I am perfectly willing to entertain my friends at dinner, and give them good dinners, too. But the first law of a guest is that he or she should earn salt by contributing to the general wit and entertainment supposed, in fiction, to flow about the well-spread board. If people have nothing to say worth hearing, they should forever hold their peace. For over-production is at the root of cheap talk, as of cheap labour.

Sometimes one meets a person with a few bright, original ideas. Here at last is the voice in the wilderness, which is not devoted to crying out platitudes and parrot phrases. But a person of this type is rarely fond of society, or rapidly degenerates into a conventional diner-out, who serves up professional "stories" much in the same fashion as the cook serves bread sauce with chicken.

Another type of guest is distinctly entertaining for one evening only. He says his little piece at the first of your dinners that he comes to. After that he has nothing new left in his repertoire. His stock of humour and originality was all shown in his social shop-window the first time he was on view. You can ask him again and again. But not to meet the same people. It would be like serving the same soup, fish, and entree to the same set of guests.

Many thousands of London hostesses must be in a dilemma similar to that which leads me to ask if any conversational talent be available in the market. For from all this avalanche of small and futile talk let even the professional conversationalist deliver us, is my fervent addition to the social litany.

### 1,600 CHILDREN SACRIFICED TO FIRE.

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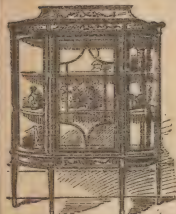
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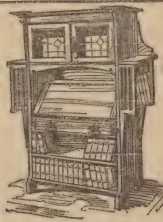
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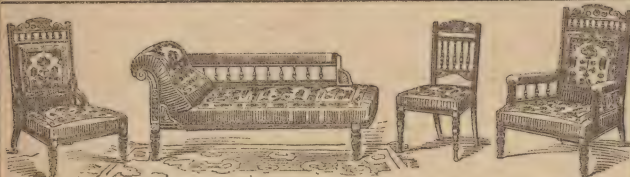
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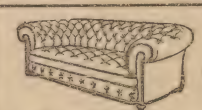
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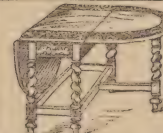
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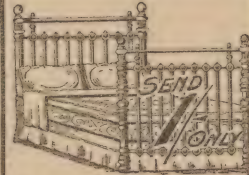
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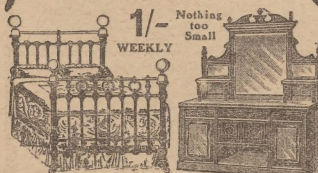
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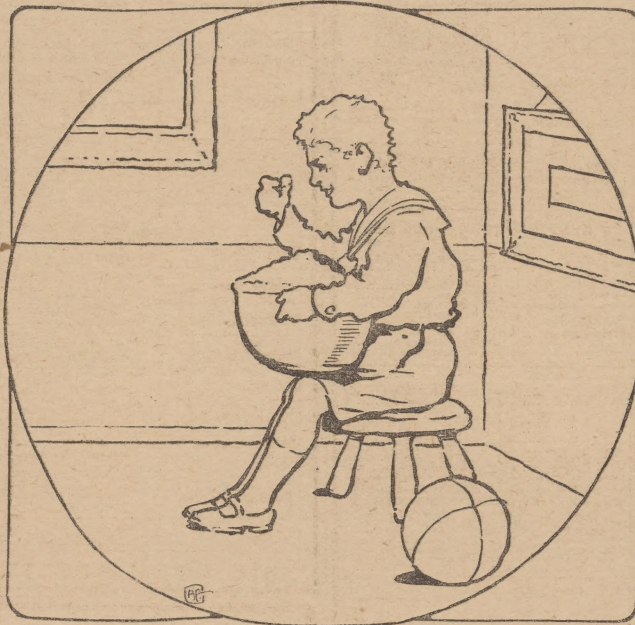
### PRIZE WINNER SENDS POETRY WITH HER CONTRIBUTION.

It is very gratifying that our little competitors appreciate the Children's Corner so highly. Every week we have an enormous number of pictures, and the one showing an elephant dancing on a tub, the result of which I have to announce

the black blouses seen are powdered over white silk, but otherwise kept absolutely black.

Pale pink, that indescribable rosy shade, hardly more than a shell shade, but with some character in it, is one of the best-liked colours for evening wear.

The first spring shirts are stiff ones of linen tucked straight up and down the middle of both back and front, and finished with small cuffs. With them are worn stiff turnover collars, with the tiniest of ties fixed in a bow directly in front. The collars are embroidered, and the ties may be of silk, or of



Pray observe Little Jack Horner in the picture above, and read what is said about him in the letterpress on this page that concerns the children.

to-day, seems to have been especially popular. The first prize of five shillings goes to Nellie Felstead, 31, Essex-road, Church-road, Willesden, N.W., who is thirteen years of age and has done her picture very creditably. The second prize of 2s. 6d. is awarded to Lilian Richards, aged eleven, 132, Navarino-mansions, Dalston-lane, London. Not only has Lilian painted the picture with great skill, but she has mounted it nicely and has appended a piece of poetry to it which I will forthwith quote:-

Said Little Robin Red Breast  
To Elephant to greet,  
You had better stop rehearsing  
Or else you'll be too late.  
The circus is proceeding  
Both famous far and wide,  
They are waiting now for Jumbo,  
You'd better go inside.

Shaun Milward, who is eight years old, wins the third prize of 2s. 6d. Her address is Sunnyhill, Blackford, Wedmore, Somerset. The fourth prize of 2s. 6d. goes to Elsie F. Blacklee, Trini y House, Gold-street, Northampton, who is fourteen years of age.

The honourable mentions are awarded as follows: Arthur Geo. Parson, Beech View, Crewkerne; Arthur Mountford, 79, Forest-road, Walthamstow; Dorothy Neville, 2, Cedars-road, North Side, Clapham Common, S.W.; E. G. Vickery, 28, Newport-road, Barnstaple, Devon; Harry Hiscocks, 29a, Telferscot-road, Balham, S.W.; Dorothy Pither, 91, Tolling-on-park, N., and Seymour Pavsey, East Bay House, Colchester.

A little child who is obliged to lie down all day, as well as all night, has sent me such a pretty little drawing of a bird. I wonder whether that little child will become a competitor in the Children's Corner and colour Jack Horner for us?

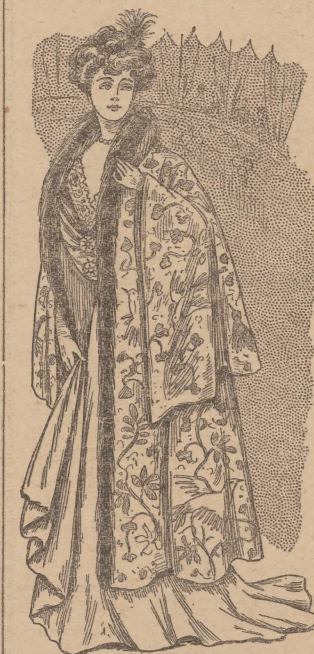
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